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1. DURING CODEL LEGGETT'S MEETING WITH SADAT AND VP
MUBARAK THIS MORNING, MUBARAK SLIPPED ME COPY OF WEIZMAN'S
MESSAGE TO GAMASY. MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED "TOP SECRET"
AND IS DATED JUNE 27. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE DEAR GENERAL GAMASSI,
I BELIEVE THAT A MEETING WITH YOU THIS TIME WOULD
PROVIDE THE NEEDED OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIS-
CUSSION BETWEEN US, TO BROADEN THE BASIS FOR THE RESUMPTION
OF THE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE. IT COULD TAKE
PLACE IN A THIRD COUNTRY, IF THAT SUITS YOU BETTER.

I BELIEVE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE BETTER
SERVED BY AN ATMOSPHERE FREE FROM PRESSURE OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS
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AND DECLARATIONS.

WE PROPOSE TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AS EX-
PRESSED IN ITS DECISION OF JUNE 18, 1978, QUOTE:
A) THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL CONSIDERS IT VITAL TO
CONTINUE THE PEACE-MAKING PROCESS BETWEEN ISRAEL

AND ITS NEIGHBORS.

B) THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AGREES THAT 5 YEARS AFTER THE APPLICATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY IN JUDEA, SAMARIA AND THE GAZA DISTRICT, WHICH WILL COME INTO FORCE UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE, THE NATURE OF THE FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES WILL BE CONSIDERED AND AGREED UPON AT THE SUGGESTION OF ANY OF THE PARTIES.

C) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES WILL CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THEM WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RESIDENTS OF JUDEA, SAMARIA AND THE GAZA DISTRICT AS ELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY. UNQUOTE.

2. THE IDEAS AND THOUGHTS RAISED BY THE PRESIDENT AT MY LAST VISIT TO CAIRO, ON MARCH 30, 1978.

3. FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE POSITIONS OF EACH OF OUR SIDES ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARE STILL OUTSTANDING BETWEEN US.

4. LAYING THE BASIS FOR A SYSTEM OF CLOSE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, IN VIEW OF THE GEOPOLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION.

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5. THE MECHANISM TO ENSURE PRODUCTIVE AND UNHINDERED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US.

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EZER WEIZMAN UNQUOTE.

3. PRIOR MY DEPARTURE FROM CAIRO THIS MORNING, I HAD SEEN JERUSALEM MESSAGE INDICATING VP MONDALE HAD AGREED TO PRIMIN BEGIN'S REQUEST TO URGE SADAT TO AGREE TO PROPOSED WEIZMAN/GAMASY MEETING AND DEPT MESSAGE INDICATING INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE SENT TO ME TO SUPPORT THIS. (ASSUME THESE ARE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED PARA 4, STATE 167142.) HENCE, AFTER CONDEL HAD LEFT, I STAYED BEHIND BRIEFLY TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH SADAT AND MUBARAK. I RECALLED MUBARAK'S COMMENT TO ME THAT LIKELY REPLY WILL BE A NEGATIVE ONE (REFTEL). I SAID I UNDERSTAND GOE CONCERN ABOUT SUCH A MEETING, BUT I HOPED THAT SADAT WOULD KEEP AN OPEN MIND ON THE SUBJECT. SUCH A MEETING BETWEEN WEIZMAN AND GAMASY, BOTH OF WHOM KNOW AND RESPECT EACH OTHER, COULD HAVE SOME POSITIVE OUTCOME.

4. SADAT CONFIRMED THAT EGYPTIAN REPLY WILL BE SENT TO WEIZMAN TODAY. AS HE PUT IT, REPLY WILL NOT CATEGORICALLY REJECT A FURTHER WEIZMAN/GAMASY MEETING, BUT WILL HOLD OUT "HOPE" FOR SUCH A MEETING IF ISRAELIS INTRODUCE SOME "NEW ELEMENTS" INTO SITUATION. HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT HE HAD IN MIND, BUT SAID HE WAS SURE THAT WEIZMAN WILL KNOW WHAT IS INTENDED. SADAT SAID HE HAD REJECTED NEGATIVE REPLY PROPOSED BY MUBARAK AND GAMASY AND SUBSTITUTED A SLIGHTLY MORE POSITIVE ONE IN ORDER TO ASSIST WEIZMAN IN THE LATTER'S CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH BEGIN. MCCLELLAND

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